

## Community News

**“Shear Delight” Exhibition Te Kuiti**, Opening April 8<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm – 7.30 pm, then daily from 10am – 5pm 9<sup>th</sup> April to 17<sup>th</sup> April. 55 Te Kumi Rd, Te Kuiti. Opposite Bosco Café. Creative Waitomo brings you a collection of new works by King Country artists in their annual exhibition. Debra Allen, Dean Corbett, Rob Drew, John Fryday, Jo Gallagher, Jane Gallaway, Andrea Hanna, and Janis MacDonald are joined by guest Clay Artist Dawn Hansen in this stunning array of work. Featuring painting, felting, woodturning, etching, fibre art and innovative clay pieces. A diverse collection of works not to be missed.

**Easter Crafts** Come along to the Otorohanga Library meeting room on Monday 18 April, from 10.30am to 12 noon and enjoy doing some fun craft activities for Easter. This programme is suitable for children aged 6 to 10 years. Registrations are essential - please phone the Library on: 873 7175.



## Children's Work

### Australian Animals

The Frilled Lizard lives in tropical warm forest with places in sunlight. They eat ants, insects and other lizards. They are 70cm long, the male is brighter than the female. They also have a big flap of skin that makes it larger. Keeping Frilled Lizards isn't the greatest idea in the world because it's got a real hard bite. By Blaze

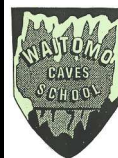


Red kangaroo's eat grass, fruit and vegetables. They have big backs. Red kangaroo's live in Australia. They live on mountains. Red kangaroos are red they have two legs and a tail and two arms. They have a pouch. Some kangaroos live in hot places. By Jessie

## What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

7 April	Fundraising committee meeting, 3.00pm
11 April	Zebong
14 April	Children's First Aid Training
15 April	Community Assembly, 1.30pm
15 April	Last day of Term 1
2 May	Term 2 begins
9 May	Kick-Start to School classes resume

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# Newsletter

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Term One 2011

Week Nine – 1 April

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Sports Day cancelled? Unheard of! It was very rare to have had the Waitomo Caves Sports Day getting rained off. For the school it was a quite a social morning. The baking prepared and delivered the day before was sold and all costs were covered with a little profit. Thanks to Batch we have a huge list of sponsors who supported the school this year. The list follows. Thank you to the fundraising committee for organising the necessary details for the running of the canteen.

We also had a fantastic crew preparing the home game after match dinner as a fundraiser for the Waitomo Senior Rugby team. A committed group who helped out all day with various jobs. Thank you Batch, Alannah, Myke, Dawn, Linda, Miria, Pania and senior class students for your help throughout the day and evening.

We have received fantastic support from all our Sports Day regular sponsors. The variety and quality of sponsorship this year was absolutely amazing. We continue to raffle the donations as planned and will work throughout the terms to sell all tickets. Our priority is to sell the Easter Raffle first.



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Proudly Supporting Waitomo Caves School

Thank you to all the following businesses that supported our school.

- Altura Park
- Abseil Inn
- Roseland's Restaurant
- Kiwipaka
- Curly's Bar
- Waitomo Discovery Centre
- Spellbound
- Woodlyn Park
- Waitomo Glowworm Caves
- Waitomo B+B
- Waitomo Adventures
- Rap, Raft & Rock
- Waitomo Juno Hall
- Caveworld
- Waitomo Caves Hotel
- Huhu Café
- Huhu Gift shop
- Big Birds B+B
- Top 10 Holiday Park
- Black Water Rafting
- Wrightson Te Kuiti
- Wrightson Otorohanga
- Woolworths Otorohanga
- Otorohanga Fresh fruit & Veges
- RD 1 Otorohanga
- Creations Café
- Waitomo Fresh Fruit Orchard
- New World Te Kuiti
- McDonald's Otorohanga
- Village Store
- Goldpine
- The Warehouse Te Kuiti
- Otorohanga Butchers
- Te Kuiti Mobile

### **Otorohanga College Experience Day**

Leah, Alex, Bailey, Tai and Roimata participated in the Otorohanga College Experience day where they were involved in a powhiri, challenge class activities, games and a barbeque. All students reported on a fun day with the highlight being the huge 'dodge ball' game. Well done for getting amongst everything on offer. Thank you Linda and Mrs Fleming for supporting the group and helping with transport.

### **Winter Sports**

There is an amazing amount of keenness amongst our students this year with team winter sports. 30 children have indicated they want to play soccer and 2 for netball. This count includes the whole school and the Kick-Start children have also indicated their availability. There is also an interest in hockey this year which needs a bit more commitment if this is to go ahead, and of course, that is entirely up to parents. We have a keen group of parents who are working through the process to get as many children as possible involved in a team that they have shown interest in. There are many restrictions with ages and numbers and these all need to be addressed. Communication between school, parents and children is taking place and confirmation will follow as soon as possible.

### **Manual Training Block Refurbishment**

There will be some changes at the Otorohanga South School Manual block. A full refurbishment of the sewing/cooking room and minor alterations to the woodwork room is planned for the end of this term – dates to be confirmed. There will be some disruption to lessons but it is hoped this will be minimal.

### **Fonterra Science Roadshow**

The senior class took part in the Science Roadshow on Monday and enjoyed the hands on, interactive activities around science. Curriculum based concepts about senses, fire and ice were demonstrated. After the show children went to exhibitions about heat, sound, detection, communication and more. Thank you Vickie, Marci, Bernie and Mrs Fleming for providing transport.



### **Otorohanga Pool Swimming**

Thank you to all staff at the Otorohanga Pool for allowing us to extend our swimming skills in the big pool this term. We are fortunate to be able to use the pool and have benefitted greatly with the experience of swimming in deeper water and improved in fitness given the length of the pool.

A fortnight ago we picnicked with the juniors and enjoyed a swim with the whole school making the most of the large pool. Thank you to Pania, Jo, Gareth, Bernie, Vickie, Julian, Bex, Miria, Rachel and Helen for providing transport and joining us for the afternoon.

### **Last Week of Term**

Storyteller, Zebong visits our school in the morning of Monday 11 April.

Senior students work towards First Aid certification on Thursday 14 April.

Community assembly begins at 1.30pm on Friday 15 April followed by a well deserved two week holiday.